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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JAN 27

1. SUMMARY: SOVIET PRESS HIGHLIGHTS--

--USA INSTITUTE'S SEMEYKO BLASTS THE PENTAGON FOR CONTINUING THE ARMS RACE THE ERA OF DETENTE;  
--IZVESTIYA CARRIES A HARD-HITTING EDITORIAL ON ANGOLA BY E. VLADIMIROV WHICH THROWS ICE-WATER ON THE COALITION IDEA, CONDEMNS ALLEGED WESTERN STRONG-ARM TACTICS AT THE OAU SUMMIT, CALLS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF IMPERIALIST AND RACIST FORCES, AND, IN GENERAL, REFLECTS NO GIVE IN SOVIET ANGOLAN POLICY (SEPTEL);  
--GROMYKO RECEIVES SOVIET ALLY AMBASSADORS, PRESUMABLY TO BRIEF THEM ON RESULTS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SECRETARY;  
--A BOOK REVIEW IN PRAVDA AGAIN, FOR BENEFIT OF PARTICIPANTS IN ECPC, HITS ON THE THEME THAT SOVIET REVOLUTIONARY EXPERIENCE HAS UNIVERSAL APPLICATION;  
--IZVESTIYA MAKES CLEAR THAT MOSCOW CONSIDERS THAT DIRECT ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES BY WEST BERLINERS TO SIT IN EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT WOULD BE IN CONTRADICTION TO THE QA, AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA SAYS THE FRG IS AIDING SOUTH AFRICA TO BECOME A NUCLEAR WEAPON STATE;  
--PRAVDA WARNS THAT ISRAEL A THREAT TO PROMISING CHANGES IN LEBANON;  
--PRAVDA REPORTS CLOSURE OF "CIA" FBIS RADIO IN NIGERIA;  
--AND THE PRAVDA LEAD EDITORIAL TREATS THE THEME OF ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY IN STANDARD FASHION--VAGUE ON DETAILS AND WITHOUT AN EXPLICIT CALL FOR CONVENING A CONFERENCE.

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2. US. USA INSTITUTE'S SEMEYKO IN KRASNAYA ZVEZDA BLASTS THE PENTAGON FOR SEEING IN DETENTE NOTHING OTHER THAN NEW CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH IT CAN CONTINUE THE ARMS RACE. SEMEYKO POINTS TO THE "PENTAGON'S" ATTEMPT TO RAISE THE VLADISVOSTOK STRATEGIC WEAPON CEILINGS, AS ALLEGED IN THE TOWNSEND HOOPES ARTICLE IN THE NYT, AS AN EXAMPLE OF THIS TENDENCY. HE SAYS THAT SECRETARY RUMSFELD HAS NOT YET SPOKEN OUT CLEARLY ON WHAT STAND

HE IS GOING TO TAKE ON THE ARMS RACE/DETENTE RELATIONSHIP, BUT HINTS BROADLY THAT IT WILL BE SIMILAR TO THAT OF HIS PREDECESSOR, WHO, HE REPORTS, PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER 1975 A BROCHURE ARGUING THAT ARMS CONTROL AND DETENTE IS BENEFICIAL ONLY FOR THE SOVIET UNION. SEMEYKO MAKES A BRIEF FORAY INTO DISCUSSION OF STRATEGY, BUT ONLY NOTEWORTHY POINT IS THAT THE PENTAGON HAS NOW GONE EVEN BEYOND OLD COLD WAR POSITION THAT IT WOULD BE THE FIRST TO USE TACTICAL NUKES TO POINT WHERE IT NOW HAS DECLARED ITS WILLINGNESS TO ENGAGE IN FIRST USE OF STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS. COMMENT: THE SEMYKO PIECE IS HARSHLY POLEMICAL, BUT NOT SIGNIFICANT OTHER THAN AS AN INDICATION THAT FAIRLY COMPLETE LICENSE IS BEING GIVEN SUCH COMMENTATORS TO SAY WHAT THEY LIKE ABOUT THE "PENTAGON." END COMMENT. IN OTHER COVERAGE, PRAVDA AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA REPORT ON SENATOR HART'S ACCUSATION THAT THE US SECRETLY FUNDED THE ALLEGED FORCIBLE REMOVAL OF DIEGO GARCIA'S INHABITANTS. PRAVDA REPORTS ON THE PRESIDENT'S STATE OF THE ECONOMY MESSAGE, PREDICTABLY EMPHASIZING U.S. ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES; AND IZVESTIYA REPORTS THAT U.S. NUKES MAY BE STORED IN ICELAND, ACCORDING TO A REJKYAVIK NEWSPAPER.

3. WARSAW PACT. GROMYKO RECEIVED ALL EASTERN EUROPEAN AND THE MONGOLIAN AND CUBAN AMBASSADORS ON JANUARY 26, REPORTS PRAVDA, TO BRIEF THEM ON "SEVERAL FOREIGN POLICY STEPS" TAKEN BY THE USSR "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PEACE PROGRAM AND IN LINE WITH THE COMMON POLICY OF THE SOCIALIST STATES." COMMENT: WE ASSUME THIS PROBABLY WAS LARGELY TO BRIEF SOVIET ALLIES ON THE RESULTS OF THE SECRETARY'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH BREZHNEV AND GROMYKO. END COMMENT. IZVESTIYA ANNOUNCES THAT POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKY IS TO ARRIVE IN MOSCOW JANUARY 27 FOR A "FRIENDLY VISIT." LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NO FURTHER INDICATION OF PURPOSE IS GIVEN.

4. COMMUNIST AFFAIRS. V. RYZHIKOV, WHICH MAY BE A PSEUDONYM, REVIEWS IN PRAVDA A MID-1975 PUBLICATION "WORKING CLASS IN THE WORLD REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS" WHICH CONTAINS CONTRIBUTIONS BY PONOMAREV AND TIMOFEYEV. RYZHIKOV SAYS THAT THE BOOK, WHICH WAS WRITTEN ON THE THEME OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEFEAT OF FACISM, EMPHASIZES THAT THE HISTORY OF NOT JUST ONE COUNTRY, BUT OF MANY COUNTRIES CONFIRMS THE BASIC CONCLUSIONS OF MARXIST-LENINIST THEORY ON SOCIALIST REVOLUTION. COMMENT: THIS REVIEW OF A BOOK PUBLISHED LAST YEAR CONTINUES THE SOVIET CAMPAIGN EMPHASIZING THE UNIVERSAL NATURE OF THE CPSU'S REVOLUTIONARY EXPERIENCE, AND ITS CONTINUING RELEVANCE TO OTHER COMMUNIST PARTIES--ALL AIMED, OF COURSE, AT THE EUROPEAN

PARTY CONFERENCE. END COMMENT. A PCI DELEGATION ON  
ECONOMIC QUESTIONS HEADED BY CERVETTI WAS IN MOSCOW  
AND NOVOSIBIRK JANUARY 18-25, REPORTS PRAVDA.

5. FRG-BERLIN. IZVESTIYA CRITICIZES BRITISH FONMIN  
CALLAGHAN FOR HIS STATEMENT THAT FOUR-POWER RESPONSIBILITY  
EXTENDS INTO EAST BERLIN, COMMENTING ON HIS ALLEGED  
CALL FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF WEST BERLIN  
PARTICIPATION IN DIRECT ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO  
THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, IT SAYS THAT "SUCH NEGOTIATIONS  
WOULD BE USELESS, SINCE THEY WOULD BE IN CONTRADICTION TO  
THE OBLIGATIONS TAKEN UPON THEMSELVES BY THE WESTERN  
POWERS" IN THE QA. PRAVDA CRITICIZES GREEN WEEK  
IN BERLIN AS A GATHERING OF REVANCHIST FORCES, THOUGH  
DOES NOT CONTEND THAT THE EXHIBIT ITSELF IS IN CONTRA-  
DICTION TO THE QA. POLITICAL OBSERVER GONCHAROV IN KRAS-  
NAY ZVEZDA REPORTS THAT THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS  
OF SOUTH AFRICA CONTENDS THAT THE FRG IS DELIVERING  
AIRCRAFT AND TANKS TO SOUTH AFRICA, AS WELL AS ACTIVELY  
AIDING THAT STATE TO GAIN THE TECHNOLOGY NECESSARY FOR  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

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6. MIDDLE EAST. PRAVDA LEADS WITH A REPORT ON THE SITUATION IN LEBANON WHICH IS OPTIMISTIC IN TONE, AND IMPLIES THAT THE LATEST AGREEMENT WAS ONLY FEASIBLE BECAUSE KARAME WITHDREW HIS RESIGNATION. PRAVDA HITS HARD AT CONTINUED THREATS EMANATING FROM ISRAEL, AND CLAIMS THE ISRAELIS ARE USING IMAGINED FEARS OF PALESTINIAN CONTROL OF LEBANON AS AN EXCUSE TO CONCENTRATE THEIR FORCES IN NORTHERN ISRAEL. PRAVDA BRIEFLY REPORTS RABIN'S ARRIVAL IN THE US, AND COMMENTS THAT HE IS SEEKING MULTI-FACETED SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S "AGGRESSIVE POLICIES." CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES A REPORT FROM DAMASCUS THAT SYRIA AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE SIGNED A TRADE AGREEMENT COVERING THE PERIOD 1976-80. NO DETAILS ARE GIVEN.

7. AFRICA. PRAVDA FRONT-PAGES A SHORT REPORT THAT THE US RADIO STATON NEAR KADUNA WAS CLOSED BY THE NIGE-

RIAN GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO PRAVDA, THE NIGERIAN PRESS IS CLAIMING THAT THE RADIO WAS OPERATED BY THE CIA. PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS ITEM FROM DAR ES SALAAM THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN MIN DEF DENIED PRESS REPORTS THAT PRETORIA WAS WITHDRAWING ITS FORCES FROM ANGOLA.

8. ASIA. PRAVDA'S FRONT-PAGE LEAD EDITORIAL, CALLED "ASIA--PEACE AND SECURITY," REITERATES MOSCOW'S STANDARD SUPPORT FOR A SYSTEM OF ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY (ACS). THE EDITORIAL, EXPLICITLY PEGGED TO PREPARATIONS FOR THE 25TH PARTY CONGRESS, PRESENTS THE ACS CONCEPT AS A CONTINUATION OF MOSCOW'S "PEACE POLICY" ENUNCIATED AT THE 24TH PARTY CONGRESS AND PUT INTO PRACTICE WITH THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE. COMMENT. THE ARTICLE IS A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHOLLY STANDARD FORMULATION. IT IS VAGUE ON DETAILS, AS USUAL, AND DOES NOT CALL FOR THE CONVENING OF A CONFERENCE ON ASIAN SECURITY (CSCA). IT CONTINUES THE ATTENTION MOSCOW HAS DEVOTED TO ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY SINCE HELSINKI AND PRESUMABLY FORESHADOWS THE TREATMENT OF THIS THEME AT THE PARTY CONGRESS.  
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